

Keynote Presentation

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Ms. K. Adair Martinez serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Information Protection. She is the primary advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Information & Technology on matters related to information protection, including: Privacy, Security, Risk Management, Records Management, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requirements, and Business Continuity. As the DAS for Information Protection, Ms. Martinez ensures Department-wide compliance with information security and privacy policies and procedures.

Ms. Martinez served as the Chief Information Officer for the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), from December, 1999 to June, 2006. Ms. Martinez was then detailed to the VA as the Acting Chief Technology Officer. In this capacity, Ms. Martinez was responsible for a number of projects including responding to the May data breach incident and other Enterprise Identity Safety Initiatives until March 2007.

Ms. Martinez has over 25 years experience in the information technology field in both the federal government and private industry. From August, 1996 to December, 1999, she served as the Deputy Director of the Department of Justice Telecommunications Services Staff. From September, 1993 to August, 1996, Ms. Martinez was the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Database Administrator and a section chief in the DEA Office of Information Systems. Before DEA, Ms. Martinez worked in the private sector for both large and small information technology firms, including Network Solutions, SAIC, Unisys and MCI as a Program Manager and Database Administrator.

Ms. Martinez is active in the government IT community and recently served as the government liaison for the 2007 AFCEA Bethesda Chapter annual charity ball to benefit the Children's Inn at NIH. Ms. Martinez holds a B.A. degree in History and Geography from Mount Holyoke College and a M.S. degree in Information Systems Management from American University.